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Israel Air Force hits terror base

Jerusalem Post Staff
Israel Air Force planes attacked a base of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine early yesterday morning in the town of Bhamdoun on the Beirut-Damascus highway, the IDF spokesman said. All the aircraft returned safely to base, the spokesman said.
The terrorist base attacked was used as a jumping-off point for their attacks, he said. It was located in a wing of a hotel that had been taken over by the terrorists, he added.
Western reporters who reached Bhamdoun at mid-morning were told that the Israeli planes had hit the wrong target. The building was found to be in the hands of pro-Syrian Lebanese militiamen of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party, they were told.
The party advocates the unification of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Kuwait and Cyprus into a "Greater Syria." It is allied with Druse and Shi'ite rebel forces in the Lebanese civil war.
Militiamen wearing the red SSNP emblem on their arms milled around the five-storey building whose top three floors collapsed from bombs dropped by the Israeli jets. They said there were no Palestinians deployed in Bhamdoun.
The building hit was used as an arms depot for the SSNP, but the weapons and ammunition stored in the basement survived intact, one SSNP commander said.
"We did not suffer any casualties, none of us is wounded and we have not lost one single bullet," said the commander, who asked that his name be withheld.
Israeli military sources said the base was used by units directly connected with the attack by three gunmen in Jerusalem last Monday. The DFLP, headed by Naif Hawatmeh, took responsibility for that attack, in which 48 Israeli civilians were wounded, one of the terrorists killed and the other two captured.

Record payload in space termed 'as large as a bus'

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). — Challenger's astronauts yesterday dropped off in space an experimental package the size of a bus. They also closed to within 1,600km. of a crippled satellite they hope to capture and repair today.
With the gap between hunter and hunted narrowing, astronaut Terry Hart used the shuttle's 15-metre crane to lift the 11-ton package out of the cargo bay and place it in its own orbit. The research payload will gather data until another shuttle crew brings it back to earth next February.
"It's steady as the Rock of Gibraltar and just about as big," Commander Robert Crippen reported, as a television picture beamed to Mission Control showed the huge 12-sided box drifting away.
It is the largest payload ever carried by a shuttle.
When the five astronauts departed Cape Canaveral on Friday, the disabled satellite, Solar Max, was half a world away, orbiting 18,500km. ahead of the space shuttle.
Once Crippen and pilot Dick Scobee catch the satellite today, they will execute precision maneuvers to steer to within 60 metres of the target and adjust their speed to match that of Solar Max. The two craft will then fly in formation at 28,000 kph.
At that point, astronaut George Nelson is to use a rocket-powered backpack to dock with the satellite so it can be brought into the cargo bay, where he and James van Houten will work on it during two six-hour space walks.



Shuttle crewmen gather around windows on the flight deck shortly after the successful launch of the Challenger. (Left to right — Dick Scobee; George Nelson (with sunglasses); Terry Hart; and James van Houten, mission commander. Bob Crippen, fifth member of the crew, is not shown. (UPI telephoto)

Armenian terrorists threaten airlines

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Armenian terrorists yesterday threatened to attack airlines flying in and out of Turkey and Arab governments cooperating with Ankara.
The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) issued the warning in a communiqué in Armenian, Arabic and English delivered to an international news agency in Beirut.
The terrorists accuse the Turks of massacring 1.5 million Armenians in what is now eastern Turkey during World War I.
"We warn all airlines with flights to or from Turkey, that they will be military targets for the attacks of our revolutionaries in Turkey and all parts of the world," the communiqué said.
It also warned Arab governments which have security, military or economic links with the Turkish administration and the support of the U.S. and Israel in the region.

Mondale favoured in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wisconsin, (Reuters). — Walter Mondale's drive for the Democratic presidential nomination appeared likely to receive a boost in this dairy and industrial state yesterday.
Political commentators said the former vice-president's superior campaign organization is expected to prevail as voters picked 78 delegates to the party's presidential nominating convention in San Francisco in July.
Colorado Senator Gary Hart narrowly defeated Mondale in a non-binding presidential preference poll here last Tuesday. But Mondale, who built most of his political career in neighbouring Minnesota, is a familiar figure in Wisconsin.
Results from caucuses at 126 sites around the state were expected this morning, Israel time.
Best available estimates, following Mondale's victory over Hart in the big New York primary election on Tuesday, show the former vice-president with 849 delegates, Hart with 507, and black civil-rights leader Jesse Jackson with 148. Needed for nomination are 1,967.
Mondale has been endorsed by the state's Democratic Governor Anthony Earl, who predicts the former vice-president will win at least 60 per cent of the Wisconsin delegates.
In campaigning on Friday, Mondale, Hart and Jackson all expressed support for a "nuclear freeze," a major campaign issue for many voters in the state.

Soviet warns Israel not to attack Syria

KUWAIT (AP). — A senior Soviet official was quoted here Friday as warning that Israel would "pay dearly" if it attacked Syria.
Karen Brutents, assistant director of the foreign affairs section of the central committee of the Communist Party, told the Kuwait news agency that Moscow has been "watching closely these hysterical intimidations by Israel against Syria."
Brutents made his statement during a brief stopover here on his way to Iraq.
Referring to Jordan's King Hussein, Brutents said the monarch was justified in his expression of dismay with the U.S.



A policeman stands near the remains of the car in which five people were killed in an accident on the Dead Sea road on Friday.

5 killed in head-on crash at Dead Sea

Five young men were killed on Friday afternoon in a head-on crash between their car and a tourist bus on the Dead Sea road between Qumran and Ein Fash'ha.
Ofir Kohavi, Rafi Cohen, Avraham and Ofer Ashtar all from Ramat Gan and Mohammed Alhib from the Druse Galilee village of Marar lost their lives in the accident.
An eyewitness, ambulance driver Eli Cohen, said that the car appeared to be out of control when the accident occurred. Ambulances were summoned from Kalia and Ein Gedi and an army helicopter took one of the passengers to the hospital, but he was dead on arrival. The police are investigating the cause of the accident.
On Friday morning, a pedestrian was killed as he was crossing the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway just north of the Givat Olga turnoff. The police have not yet identified the dead man, who was about 30 years old and had a tattoo of a woman on his right arm. Police requested anyone with information on a person fitting this description to contact the nearest police station.
Also on Friday an 11-year-old child was seriously injured in Kiryat Gat when his bicycle was involved in a crash with a car, and in Ashdod a three-year-old boy was hurt by a bus.

Reagan again raps Congress for U.S. failure in Lebanon

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — For the second time in a week, President Ronald Reagan has blamed Congress for some of the recent setbacks in Lebanon.
Reagan, delivering what he styles called a major foreign-policy speech, suggested that Congress had improperly interfered with his conduct of policy towards Lebanon, thereby encouraging Syria and others hostile to the U.S.
He complained about the lack of a truly bipartisan foreign policy in the post-Vietnam War era.
"We have demonstrated the capacity for such jointly responsible leadership in certain areas," Reagan said. "But we have seen setbacks for bipartisanship, too. I believe that once we have established bipartisan agreement on our course in Lebanon, the subsequent second-guessing about whether to keep our men there severely undermined our policy. It hindered the ability of our diplomats to negotiate, encouraged more intransigence from the Syrians and prolonged the violence."
Thus, Reagan, in his carefully drafted address before the Georgetown University Centre for Strategic and International Studies on Friday, repeated basically the same charge he informally levelled two days earlier during a nationally televised White House news conference.
His comments drew immediate fire from many members of Congress, including House Speaker Thomas O'Neill. He accused Reagan of being responsible for the deaths of the Marines in Lebanon, and said the president "has no credibility on Lebanon and no credibility on bipartisan foreign policy."
He went on to say that Reagan had made his reputation "not by being a bipartisan supporter of our foreign policy, but as perennial critic" on such issues as U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, arms control and the Panama Canal treaty.
National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane later conceded that Reagan had often criticized earlier Democratic administrations on these and many other foreign-policy matters, but added that "there's been a certain evolution in his thinking."
In the speech, Reagan also lamented the reluctance of many lawmakers in Washington to use military power in certain circumstances. A sound foreign policy, he said, requires a proper mix of military muscle and diplomatic finesse.

Neo-Nazism on rise in West Germany

BONN (AP). — Neo-Nazis are increasing their ranks in West Germany and left-wing extremist gangs like the Red Army Faction are losing members, a report by the Bonn Interior Ministry said Friday.
According to the annual report, left and right-wing terrorists stepped up their attacks in 1983 but did not achieve their goal of damaging the democratic system.
The number of right-wing extremist organizations decreased in 1983, partly due to government bans, but total membership in the remaining groups was up, according to the report. By the end of 1983 there were 68 right-wing extremist organizations with a total of 20,300 members, as compared with 74 organizations with 19,000 members in 1982.
The total number of known neo-Nazis rose by 100 to 1,400 in 1983, it said.
Neo-Nazis committed 78 serious crimes in 1983, up eight from the previous year, according to the report. Eleven of those were terrorist attacks, it said.
A leading Social Democrat commenting on the report said the government should take a stronger stand on anti-Semitism in West Germany. Harald Schaefer, chairman of the SPD interior policy committee said young neo-Nazis are increasing their anti-Jewish activities.

U.S. Stinger missiles to protect royal Saudi yacht

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. has agreed to lease shoulder-fired anti-aircraft Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia, reportedly to protect a yacht being built for King Fahd, administration sources said on Friday.
State Department spokesmen said a small number of the missiles are being leased "for special protective services" to Saudi Arabia for less than six months, but refused to elaborate.
The administration recently cancelled plans to sell Saudi Arabia 1,400 Stinger missiles because of heavy opposition in Congress on the grounds that they could be used against Israel or might be captured and used by terrorists.

Unifil troops dismantle Katyusha launcher

METULLA (Him). — A Katyusha rocket set to be fired from a makeshift launcher was discovered and dismantled by Finnish members of Unifil in South Lebanon yesterday.
The rocket was found 10 kilometres west of Kiryat Shmona. Last week, Unifil forces also found three booby-trapped grenades, two remote-control bombs, a mortar and two anti-personnel mines.

Jemayel, Assad to confer as strife worsens

BEIRUT. — Lebanese President Amin Jemayel is to have talks with President Hafez Assad of Syria in Damascus on Wednesday against the backdrop of renewed fierce fighting here, according to informed sources in Damascus.
The talks are to concentrate on ways to arrest escalating hostilities in Beirut, disengage combatants on Lebanon's civil-war fronts and form a national coalition government to introduce political reforms, according to Lebanese and Syrian sources.
As reports of the agreement on the summit reached Beirut, Lebanese army and Syrian-backed Druse militia gunners were locked in heavy artillery and rocket duels around the mountaintop town of Suk al-Gharb.
Police here also said rival Christian and Moslem militias traded barrages of rocket-propelled grenades and gunfire across the "Green Line" between Christian East and Moslem West Beirut at mid-afternoon.
Lebanon's top Shi'ite Moslem opposition leader Nabin Berri declared, meanwhile, that he has ordered all militia fighters off the streets of West Beirut as of tomorrow, turning over security of the Moslem half of the Lebanese capital to the Lebanese army's 6th Brigade and national police.
Lebanese envoys held talks with Syrian Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam in Damascus on Friday. They discussed a possible political settlement and ways of restoring the ceasefire in Beirut and the nearby mountains.
Jemayel and Assad first met last month after Jemayel scrapped the troop-withdrawal pact his government signed with Israel last year.
The envoys' visit followed a telephone discussion between Jemayel and Assad last Wednesday night in which, Beirut Radio said, political and military issues were raised.
Saudi sources said Jemayel was expected to visit Saudi Arabia after this week's summit in Syria.
In Damascus on Friday Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri met Khaddam and Vice-President Rifaat Assad.
The Jemayel administration yesterday pressed for a six-month extension of the mandate of the UN interim force in Lebanon, state radio and television reported. The mandate expires April 17.
They said Foreign Minister Elie Salem met with ambassadors of UN Security Council members and the 10 nations contributing the 6,000-man Unifil and appealed for support for the extension.
The force has been stationed in southernmost Lebanon since 1978. Earlier reports in the Lebanese press said Lebanon also would seek an expansion of Unifil's peace-keeping zone to cover the coastal highway linking Beirut with Israeli-occupied Southern Lebanon.
There was no word whether Salem brought this issue up in his talks with the ambassadors. (AP, Reuters)

Arens accuses Egypt of major violation of treaty

Jerusalem Post Staff
Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that Egypt is violating the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty by building a military infrastructure in Sinai for an entire field army.
Arens told Kol Yisrael that the military annex of the treaty does not define what infrastructure Egypt could build east of the Suez Canal, but it clearly states that Egypt cannot deploy more than one division. A field army consisted of four divisions, said Arens.
Arens said Israel is concerned that Egypt will soon have the ability to rapidly deploy a much greater force than agreed.
Arens also said that Israel had not given up Sinai just to have an Egyptian ambassador in Tel Aviv from 1979 to 1982. He added Israel hopes that "true, stable, long-term relations can be developed with Egypt."
Arens also spoke about Syria, saying that the only reason Damascus did not start a war against Israel is that "they know we are too strong for them." He said Israel would win a war against Syria, as it had in the past, "but we rather not have to fight it because of the high price in human life. If they leave us no choice, however, we are prepared."
Arens said the war in Lebanon has resulted in there being no attacks on Galilee for almost two years. "The problems in Lebanon didn't start with the war; they started in September, 1968. All different strategies were tried — strikes deep into Lebanese territory, bombings and shellings of Beirut, Operation Litani, where we were ultimately replaced by UN forces." None of them were a complete solution because there can be no complete solution for as long as Lebanon is a state which is not a state, a country, whose central government cannot rule and which therefore cannot be deterred in the way other states can.
He said Syria has done everything possible to prevent Lebanon's central government from gaining control of its territory, but Syria is careful not to let terrorists set out from its own territory on raids against Israel.

Amorai: Labour would seek \$1b. cut

Post Economic Reporter
A Labour government would strive to cut the budget by an additional \$1 billion and would implement a 10 per cent devaluation of the shekel to encourage exports, MK Adi Amorai, Labour whip in the Knesset Finance Committee said yesterday.
Speaking to a group of Labour Party activists in Haifa, Amorai also said the party would respect every government obligation to the public, including whatever conditions the current government offers to persons with money in saving plans.
Amorai said that the budget could be cut by some \$1 billion. Among other steps, he proposed pulling out of Lebanon and freezing settlements in the West Bank. These two measures could result in savings totalling \$700 million, he said.
Amorai said that a Labour government would guarantee holders of *Param* foreign exchange linked accounts at least the rate of inflation. The MK hinted that he was thinking of a two-tier exchange rate, whereby a higher exchange rate will apply to imports and exports than to *Param* accounts.

Treasury ponders pre-Pessah C-o-L advance

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Treasury is considering granting wage-earners a pre-Pessah advance payment on account of the 40 per cent cost-of-living allowance payable early next month.
The idea of paying the advance early was raised some days ago by the Likud faction in the Knesset. Private employers may reject the proposal, but Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad can authorize the advance to workers in the public sector.

Ex-senator Frank Church dies at 59

WASHINGTON (AP). — Frank Church, formerly Democratic senator from Idaho, died here yesterday at the age of 59. Church, who was among the most outspoken critics of American involvement in the Vietnam war, had suffered from cancer.
In 1976, Church ran for the Democratic nomination for president, but was beaten by Jimmy Carter.
Church was elected to the Senate in 1956, when he was 32. He lost his seat in 1980, when President Reagan's victory also swept many other Republican candidates into office.
Church's main area of expertise was foreign policy, and in 1979 he became chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



The weather at major Swissair destinations

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BRUSSELS	2	8	43	43	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	16	28	74	74	Clear
CHICAGO	0	11	32	32	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	4	10	40	40	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	4	10	40	40	Cloudy
GENEVA	2	8	43	43	Cloudy
HONG KONG	17	22	63	63	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	14	22	55	55	Clear
LONDON	5	11	41	41	Cloudy
MADRID	5	11	41	41	Cloudy
MONTREAL	3	11	41	41	Cloudy
NEW YORK	3	11	41	41	Cloudy
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PARIS	3	11	41	41	Cloudy
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SAO PAULO	14	22	55	55	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	1	10	39	39	Cloudy
TORONTO	2	10	39	39	Cloudy
VIENNA	2	10	39	39	Cloudy
ZURICH	2	10	39	39	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cooler. Partly cloudy with the possibility of local rain.

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Golan	8	10-18	21
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Haifa Port	30	14-30	22
Tiberias	40	12-31	25
Nazareth	28	16-29	23
Afula	31	9-32	24
Shomron	27	13-30	22
Tel Aviv	59	14-34	22
B-G Airport	44	13-33	22
Jericho	16	12-16	29
Gaza	7	15-23	22
Beer Sheva	26	14-33	26
Eilat	8	18-37	34

'Bomber' Harris, wrecker of German cities, at 91

LONDON (AP). — Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Arthur Travers Harris, leader of the British bomber force which destroyed German cities in World War II, died Thursday night at age 91, his family said Friday.

He reportedly died peacefully in his sleep at his home at Goring-on-Thames west of London. Cause of death was not stated.

Harris, nicknamed "Bomber," was born in South Africa and was a distinguished pilot in World War I.

A bulky, aggressive man, he argued for and got a huge switch of British wartime resources into building, maintaining and flying the bombers which smashed Germany in night raids during World War II.

\$10,000 to 'Benson' for single Eilat show

EILAT (Itim). — American actor-singer Robert Guillaume, who plays "Benson" on the TV show of the same name, will net \$10,000 for a single appearance in Eilat this month. Guillaume will appear at the Laguna Hotel on the last night of Passah.

Hotel entertainment director Danny Angel said he does not yet know how much tickets to the show will cost.

Beersheba fair proves popular draw

BEERSHEBA. — The Spring Fair, which opened here March 31, is drawing good crowds to its mixture of booths and entertainment. There are 150 manufacturers and services represented, and music programmes for children and adults take place every afternoon and evening.

The fair, the Negev's largest, is sponsored by Mayor Eliahu Navi who was to host sheikhs and heads of local councils last night for a get-together. The fair will close April 10.

Admission to the fair is 1\$400 for adults and 1\$200 for children.

Nathan Bar-Yaacov, veteran diplomat

The death of veteran diplomat Nathan Bar-Yaacov was reported yesterday in Jerusalem. A former ambassador to Norway and chief Israeli delegate to UNESCO, Bar-Yaacov also served as Foreign Ministry spokesman in the early 1960s.

Born Nathan Jackson, he came to Israel from the U.S. and worked for the Histadrut before joining the foreign service in the 1950s.

Bar-Yaacov was the ministry's expert on special UN agencies. He retired from public service several years ago.

HOME NEWS

REVIEW OF THE SESSION/Aryeh Rubinstein

Justice had hard time in the winter Knesset

LOOKING BACK on the highlights of the Knesset winter term, let us begin near the end, with the Likud's reprehensible attempt to foist a secret ballot on the Knesset.

This being 1984, the ruling party may have felt it was being in tune with the times by twisting Article 148 of the Rules into saying that a secret vote was okay if the House Committee wanted one. Secrecy is Democracy.

Speaker Menahem Savidor has been rightly lauded for having risked his faction's wrath by ruling in favour of the usual open vote. When the Messiah comes, an action of this sort will evoke no surprise: the impartiality of the Speaker will be taken as a matter of course.

But, like Noah, Savidor is "a zadik in his generation." The Patriarch Abraham, of course, would have taken the right decision at once, without all that agonizing.

On the other side of the fence, and we do want to be even-handed — the Alignment has no reason to be proud of Moshe Shalom's blatantly partisan contempt for parliamentary procedure. However heinous the plot the Likud was cooking up, the deputy speaker had no business interrupting the speaker to "rule" a secret ballot a violation of the rules, hours before that came before the plenum.

IF JUSTICE triumphed in that case, it was defeated by the House Committee when it decided not to suspend Aharon Abuhatzra's Knesset membership after he was sentenced to three months in jail for stealing from a charity fund.

Instead, it made a deal with the convicted MK whereby he submitted a written promise to steer clear of the Knesset until he had served his time. (It later transpired that he

billed the Knesset for a night's stay at the Hilton following a meeting there of Tami brass — while he was doing his outside work at the Beit Dagan police base.)

The committee's tenderness towards Abuhatzra was in glaring contrast to its haste in suspending Samuel Flatto-Sharon after he was sentenced to nine months for election bribery. The basic difference between the two cases was that both the Likud and the Alignment were vying for Tami's three votes in the Knesset.

Herut's Meir Cohen-Avidov, a deputy speaker, went so far as to tell an interviewer that Abuhatzra's embezzlement and breach of trust was "not a real theft...We have to apply different norms to different communities."

That's loyalty! And now we all know how Abuhatzra showed his gratitude.

THE WINTER TERM was also notable for the friction that developed between State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik and Avraham Katz-Oz, chairman of the Committee on State Control.

Katz-Oz wants Tunik to investigate the doings of government ministries not only after the event but while these actions are in progress. Such intervention at an early stage can nip administrative wrongdoing in the bud.

The magic wand for accomplishing this is Article 21 of the State Comptroller's Law, which requires the State Comptroller to "prepare an opinion" on any matter within his competence if so requested by the committee (or by the Knesset or the government).

Under Katz-Oz's chairmanship the committee has resorted to Article 21 with abandon, and Katz-Oz

has incurred the wrath of other committee chairmen, who say he is muscling in on their turf, and of Tunik, who feels that the chairman is trying to "dictate my agenda."

The most publicized case of the committee's flexing its muscles had to do with the Karp Report on the administration of justice in the territories. After the Law Committee (dealing with the legal aspect) and the Interior Ministry (the police aspect) had squeezed the subject dry, Katz-Oz got into the act.

First, he organized a committee trip to Nablus. Then he invited settlers, representatives of the civilian administration, and six West Bank Arabs to appear before the committee.

Katz-Oz insisted that his aim was to enable the committee to decide whether to ask the State Comptroller for his opinion. If Katz-Oz was looking for publicity, he achieved his object even in these preliminary steps.

Without the support of the coalition majority in the committee, of course, Katz-Oz could not have accomplished this revolution in the committee's procedures. And he does have their support, particularly that of Liberal Dan Tichon, who is enamoured of Article 21, and often suggests financial subjects on which Tunik's opinion should be sought.

But Tunik said on one occasion: "They say that they want my opinion. What they really want is a report."

In the long run the time the committee spends on current problems (Article 21) would probably be more fruitfully spent on bringing about compliance with the state comptroller's recommendations to correct past faults.

IN NOVEMBER, the House Committee at long last approved a code of ethics for Knesset Members designed mainly to keep them from abusing their position for personal gain.

The code has been criticized for being too permissive with respect to an MK who represents a client before a government body. And the penalties that an errant MK faces have been ridiculed for their mildness.

"An MK can net a few million shekels (or was it dollars?) by a forbidden practice and get off with a rebuke," former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Witkon has said.

The Ethics Committee consists of Eitan Livni (chairman), Eliezer Avnati, Elazar Granot, and Salomo Hillel. It has met twice since its appointment by Savidor on January 10 (seven weeks after the code was adopted).

At its first meeting, the committee decided on its procedures. At its second, it heard a statement by an MK, apparently in response to an invitation by the committee to explain an act of his that had come to the committee's attention.

Livni will say no more. Except that no complaint against any MK has been submitted to the committee.

IT WAS ALSO the term in which Hanan Porat resigned his seat when he decided to part company with Tehiya. He thus became the second MK in Knesset history to "return his mandate" to the party on whose list he ran for election. The first case occurred in the Ninth Knesset, when Meir Zorea, disappointed with the Democratic Movement for Change, quit the Knesset.

When the Messiah comes, that too will be the norm.

Technion pathology chief says law 'catastrophic'

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Fourth-year medical students taking a pathology course as part of their training at the Technion's Faculty of Medicine are having to learn the subject without the benefit of practical experience, due to a dearth of cadavers.

That is just one of the consequences of the Anatomy and Pathology Law, which came into effect two years ago. Prof. Haim Lichtig, who is in charge of the course, told The Jerusalem Post.

Research, diagnosis checking the wide effects of new drugs and surgical techniques and determining causes of death are all being impaired because of the law which makes it more difficult for doctors to perform autopsies, said Lichtig, who is also head of the pathology department at Rambam Hospital.

"In the long term, unless the law is changed or a compromise reached, medicine in Israel will lag behind that of other countries. We

won't be able to get knowledge at first hand and will have to rely on evidence supplied from abroad," he said.

Prior to the implementation of the law, the signature of three doctors was required for a post mortem to be performed. Now, in addition, doctors need the written consent of the deceased's next-of-kin. Families are often reluctant to make this commitment, and even if they do, one relative can object and veto the operation, he said.

As a result, the number of autopsies performed at Rambam Hospital had dropped from 500 per year to less than 150. Lichtig said the importance of performing autopsies could not be over-emphasized.

"Many new drugs are being used in the treatment of certain diseases like cancer. As well as those, for the purpose of diagnosis, radioactive materials are introduced into a patient's blood to enable doctors, with the aid of scanners, to pinpoint problem areas."

"It is vitally important to check the after-

effects of these drugs and materials, and the best way of doing that is for doctors to see the organs of a deceased patient who received these treatments," he said.

Lichtig asserted that medical training is also suffering as a result of the drop in the number of autopsies performed. Prior to the law, fourth-year students at the Faculty of Medicine had participated in between six and seven autopsies a year. During the last term no autopsies were performed.

"The pathology course is an essential part of a medical student's training, because what is taught has a bearing on virtually all aspects of medicine — whether the student later becomes a general practitioner, surgeon, or researcher, textbooks, photographs and tests on preserved organs are poor compensation for the real thing."

Lichtig said the effects of the law had been "catastrophic" throughout the country, and many of his colleagues in other hospitals shared his concern.

PLO man addresses Canadian senators

TORONTO. — Ontario Premier William Davis sent a strongly worded protest to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau over the appearance of Zehdi Terzi, the PLO permanent observer at the UN before the Canadian Senate committee on the Middle East.

Davis, who ordinarily does not intrude in non-provincial matters, said the invitation was "inappropriate, given PLO involvement in terrorist attacks."

"I regret the fact that, as prime minister, you have chosen not to exert your undoubted influence to convince members of the Senate committee to reconsider this ill-advised appearance," he said. Davis said he hoped that meeting does not establish a precedent for invitations to the PLO.

Terzi entered the Parliament Building in Ottawa through a back

door Thursday as dozens of Jewish students demonstrated at the main entrance in protest against the invitation.

In his testimony, Terzi asked Canada to recognize the PLO and to influence Israel to negotiate with it.

When a senator asked Terzi why the PLO refuses to recognize Israel, Terzi answered that Israel should first recognize the PLO.

Terzi told the press that his invitation, although not recognition for the PLO, was a breakthrough and he said he hoped that Canada would change its attitude toward his organization.

Liberal members of Parliament from Toronto and Montreal, representing constituencies with a great number of Jewish voters, expressed their dissatisfaction to Trudeau during a Liberal caucus.

Accident closes Haifa's Paz Bridge for month

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Paz road bridge — one of the main links between the city and the bayside industrial area — is likely to be closed for up to a month for repairs following an accident there, the police reported yesterday.

An excavator mounted on a transporter smashed into the upper part of the bridge on Thursday night,

tearing large chunks out of the structure. Nobody was hurt in the accident.

Police have closed access roads onto the bridge for an indefinite period. Part of the main road running underneath was closed for three hours on Friday morning while workmen removed debris. A long traffic jam built up, but cleared after the lane was reopened.

'Community initiative lacking' — researcher

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — Israelis do not take the initiative on the neighbourhood level to run their own community centres or economic organizations, Dr. Yair Levy, a researcher on cooperatives in rural communities, told a press conference here last week.

"I'm not talking about parents' committees or neighbourhood committees, which are very common

here," he said. "I'm talking about activities which involve economic risk, or even the idea that the residents of a community like Sderot could run their community centre themselves instead of crying over the fact that it is being closed because Project Renewal funding stopped."

The press conference was called to introduce a three-day conference, to be held this week at the Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute.

Gas companies, agents seek end to strike

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With the strike by gas agents entering its sixth day today, the fuel commissioner has scheduled a meeting for this morning with the agents and gas companies to seek a solution.

The strike is affecting all parts of the country except Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, where the gas companies deal directly with the customers.

The general manager of

Amisragas, Rafael Fradis, told The Jerusalem Post that his company has not been affected by the strike because it handles about 91 per cent of gas distribution by itself.

The gas agents' association spokesman said that it has set up a committee to deal with emergencies, such as the supply of gas to hospitals and old-age homes.

The dispute between the gas companies and the 76 agents concerns the terms of credit granted by the companies to the agent.

UK slaughtering bill fails

By HYAM CORNEY, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A threat to kosher slaughtering (*shechita*) in Britain was turned aside when Parliament on Wednesday voted 155 to 54 against an amendment to the Slaughterhouses Act of 1974.

The bill was proposed by a Conservative, Richard Page, who said that the act would require all animals to be stunned before being slaughtered (which is against Jewish law). There were, he added, "exceptions for methods of religious slaughter," and while he would prefer all animals to be stunned, he did not wish to alter the current exemptions.

But David Alton, a Liberal MP, said that "the bill would be severe" and "would prevent many Moslem and Jewish people from exercising their religious rights and practices in the way they have done for thousands of years."

This is the third time since World War II that there have been anti-shechita moves in Parliament. Both previous attempts, in 1956 and 1968, were defeated. The Board of Deputies of British Jews, which campaigned vigorously to ensure the defeat of all three attempts, expressed satisfaction with the outcome of last week's vote but will remain vigilant because, as a spokesman said, "These things have a habit of recurring."

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and his family

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Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek takes a pull at a silver Yemenite *nargila*, hand-made by craftsman Menashe Ben-David (left). The *nargila* was on show at a jewelry fair at Jerusalem's Laromne Hotel, organized by the Productivity Institute, which closed last night.

Security sources: 'Only Palestinians took part in capital attack'

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"There was no 'foreign' involvement whatsoever" in last Monday's terrorist attack in the centre of Jerusalem, senior security sources said over the weekend.

The attack was the work of Palestinian members of Naif Hawatme's Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine based in Lebanon, and press reports that an American woman of Japanese descent acted as a courier bringing in weapons before their arrival in the country were false, the sources said.

In addition to F-1 grenades, the terrorists used an Austrian-made 9mm. Schlier machine pistol and not a Skorpion as previously reported, they said. The sources noted that it was only

Hawatme's organization which had apparently put the emphasis on using Israel's "relatively open" border with Lebanon to mount an attack inside the country. This was consistent with Hawatme's ideology and style of operation, which emphasizes attacks inside Israel. The other major organizations in the PLO — Fatah, George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command — have, since the Lebanon war, concentrated on attacking Israeli presence there.

Nonetheless, the sources noted it took Hawatme 18 months since the opening of the border with Lebanon, July 1982, before he was able to bring his men and their weapons together inside Israel.

Gas masks available, but few really know how to use them

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There are enough gas masks stored in Israel for every man, woman and child in the country, but few people know how to use the masks or how to protect themselves against chemical warfare in general.

This was disclosed by Civil Defence officials on a Kol Yisrael programme yesterday following reports that Iraq has used poison gas in its war with Iran.

Officials interviewed on the programme said that distributing gas masks and training people in their use now would be dangerous as it could cause panic.

Officials were also concerned

how enemy countries would react. Hagan (Civil Defence) commander Aharon Varda was worried about the enemy's possible reaction, but did not think there would be panic if the public was taught to use personal protection against chemical warfare during a time of comparative peace when the danger of chemical attack seems small.

Two former defence ministers, Ezer Weizmann and Menachem Begin, approved small pilot projects in which residents of a heavily populated area would be taught to use gas masks and other equipment. But these experiments were never carried out for reasons which were not disclosed.

Sweet water found in drilling near Kiryat Gat

The Mekorot water company announced Friday that a trial pumping from the Nehusha-1 well northeast of Kiryat Gat has produced large quantities of good water.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Ya'acovovitz said that the well was producing 700 cubic metres an hour of water of a salinity of 170 milligrams per litre.

We mourn deeply the death of our beloved wife,
mother and grandmother

ESTHER ZELLERMAYER

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, April 8, 1984, leaving at 12 noon from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

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ARTHUR SEELIG

The funeral has already taken place.

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Grandchildren: Michael, Alon, Ayelet, and Roni
Sisters: Shlomit, Adela

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved

Dr. AHARON ARNOLD KAHN

The funeral will leave from the Tel Aviv Municipal Funeral Parlour at 5 Rehov Daphne on Monday, April 9, 1984 at 2:30 p.m. for the Kiryat Shalom Cemetery.

Transportation for the mourners will be provided. Shiva will be held at the home of the deceased at 4 Rehov Mapu, Tel Aviv.

Hilde Kahn, nee Feblowitz
Aryeh and Tirza Shacham, nee Kahn
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The ceremony will take place on Tuesday April 10, 1984, at 11.30 a.m., in the Beth Shalom Auditorium at the Medical Centre.

Will all friends and associates of the Sherman family who have not yet received a personal invitation, please regard this announcement as being in lieu of the same.

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NATHAN BAR-YAACOV

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Details of the funeral to be announced tomorrow.

Ethiopian olim 'sent to weak areas'

By LORA MORIEL

BEERSHEBA — The Ministry of Housing and Planning is sending new immigrants to areas where there is a large surplus of housing, and this usually means "Project Renewal" neighborhoods, a Jewish Agency spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. "Thus a new community, like the Ethiopians, is sent to weak areas where the local population is not really equipped to absorb them."

The Agency is also grappling with how to absorb children and young people who are arriving alone.

"The Youth Aliya Department is increasing its capacity and more dormitories are being readied," said Yehuda Dominitz, director of the Agency's aliya department.

"As for those over 18, we'll put them in absorption centres where there is a communal kitchen and

social activities."

Dominitz expressed optimism that his department will handle the new type of immigrant well: "We'll have to spend more and put in more effort, perhaps we'll even make mistakes, but we'll try our best," he said.

Another problem facing the Agency is finding enough space in absorption centres for the Ethiopian immigrants, since older immigrants cannot readily find permanent housing. "Many immigrants don't have the means of giving a down payment on a flat, even considering government loans," Dominitz said. "The solution may be to return to the old ways, in Beersheba at least. The government should let the immigrants rent apartments with an option to buy."

Haim Raviv, Southern District director of the Absorption Ministry, told *The Post* that a solution to the

problem will soon be found, although for the past three months the Housing Ministry has not given his ministry any suitable apartments to enable Ethiopian immigrants to move to permanent housing. "Three months ago, we got a 16-unit apartment block for some young Ethiopian couples, and if I had been given more, I could have had more Ethiopians out (of absorption centres)."

All four absorption centres in Beersheba are full, he noted. There are 500 families in all, but the ones who have been in the absorption centres more than nine months are mostly from Ethiopia. Gideon Gordon, Southern District director of the Housing Ministry, told *The Post* that his ministry has 600 housing units in various stages of construction in the Beersheba area. "This is very little compared with previous years," he said.



Petah Tikva Chief Rabbi Baruch Salomon is accompanied by his lawyer (right) and supporters after he is released from police custody Friday.

Streisand stops screening in Petah Tikva

By JOAN BORSTEN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Barbra Streisand intervened on Friday to prevent the screening of her film *Yentl*, which was scheduled to be shown at Petah Tikva's Heichal Cinema Friday evening.

Streisand, who today left for Egypt after a week in Israel, began receiving protest calls about the screening early Friday morning.

To avoid becoming a party to one of Israel's secular-religious controversies, Streisand last month took the precaution of sending a letter to the Hebrew University under whose auspices she came here. The letter stipulated that *Yentl* was not to be used to disrupt prevailing religious practices.

Although a copy of the letter was sent to United International Pic-

tures in London, the company which distributes *Yentl* outside the U.S., LIP's local representative, Noah Films, was apparently unaware of the stipulation. Ten days ago Noah booked *Yentl* into Petah Tikva for Friday night.

After lengthy negotiations, another film was shown instead.

Petah Tikva's Chief Rabbi Shimon Salomon and Moshe Malka were detained by police for questioning Friday morning after a disturbance in front of the town hall. Rabbi Baruch Hanzin and four yeshiva students were also detained.

Police said they were summoned to the town hall after about 100 ultra-Orthodox demonstrators led by the chief rabbis interfered with traffic, pedestrians and people who wanted to enter the building.

MDA doctor held hostage by irate father

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A Magen David Adom doctor, called to a Dimona apartment on Friday night to see a sick child, was allegedly held prisoner there by the child's enraged father and had to be rescued by the police.

Dr. Peter Mednikoff, 58, was on duty at the Dimona MDA station when he received the call, police said. When he arrived, the child's father reportedly said that he had taken too long to arrive. He locked the front door of his home and told

the doctor that he would not let him out before beating him up, police said. He also took the doctor's walkie-talkie, police said.

Eventually Mednikoff managed to recover the walkie-talkie and summoned the police. He had meanwhile examined the child and found him not to be in need of medical attention. The father has been detained for questioning. The Dimona MDA is threatening to discontinue the doctor duty service in protest over the incident.

Beersheba youth drowns in Kinneret

TIBERIAS. — A 17-year-old youth from Beersheba, Avi Crispin, drowned in the Kinneret on Friday afternoon, police said. It was the first drowning this year. Two children who were in danger of

drowning were rescued off the Tiberias shore.

Many vacationers and campers are already arriving in the Kinneret area in advance of next week's Pesach holiday.

Tourists reportedly attack dog-catcher

EILAT (Itim). — Three Swedish tourists were arrested here on Thursday after they allegedly attacked a city dog-catcher while he was trying to catch an unleashed, unlicensed dog.

The incident took place on the Eilat beach. The three tourists,

young men in their early twenties, took violent exception to the city employee's attempts to catch the dog, police said.

Police were called to arrest the three. They were released after being charged with attacking a city employee while he was carrying out his duties.

Sakhnin council head condemns capital attack

SAKHNIN (Itim). — Sakhnin Regional Council Chairman Hamid Ghanaim has condemned last week's terrorist attack in Jerusalem.

In a telegram sent on Friday to Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Aryeh Ivitzan, Ghanaim said the council "strongly condemns the mass attack against innocent people in central Jerusalem, and views such actions as inhuman and irresponsible."

In a similar message to Galilee police district head Nitzav-Mishne

Meir Sadeh, the council chairman added that such incidents only serve to harm relations between Jews and Arabs.

Postal official on bail
BEERSHEBA (Itim). — The deputy director of the central post office branch here, Meir Kibrit, 66, was arrested last week on suspicion of sealing thousands of telephone tokens from public booths. The magistrate's court released him on bail.

Ben-Elissar: Egyptian ties to remain cool

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar does not believe relations between Egypt and Israel will improve in the foreseeable future, but he does expect peace between the two countries to last.

Speaking to youth leaders in Tel Aviv on Thursday, the former ambassador to Egypt said peace will last for as long as Egypt believes it has something to lose by breaking the peace.

Ben-Elissar said that those in Egypt who originally opposed peace with Israel are gradually weakening in their opposition. However, those who supported the late Anwar Sadat's peace initiative did not all do it for the reasons Israel would have wanted. "There are some, like Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Butros Ghali, who see the peace as a weapon with which to cut us down to size," Ben-Elissar said.

Prof. Menahem Milson, formerly head of the civil administration in Judea and Samaria, told the leaders: "Yitzhak Shamir, who apologized for not voting against the Camp David agreements, is prime minister. Moshe Arens, who opposed this agreement, is defence minister. Yuval Ne'eman is in the cabinet and the peace process has stopped."

He said that if someone wanted to give events a sinister interpretation, they could say that the Likud government's failure to take action against the Committee for National Guidance (A PLO-inspired group in Judea and Samaria) was a deliberate effort by the Likud to make sure no moderate Arab group would be

formed as a potential negotiating partner. While the Committee for National Guidance was allowed to function for three years, a moderate group which tried to form recently the Democratic Movement for Peace, was forbidden to organize, Milson said.

"I personally don't believe in sinister interpretations of history, but if we say that the government made a serious error of judgement, that also isn't a good recommendation for a government which wants to be re-elected."

Ben-Elissar said that in his view the highest price Israel paid for the peace with Egypt was not the return of Sinai, but rather the part of Camp David which deals with autonomy and which now prevents Israel from claiming sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Eilat: Jordan a better neighbour than Egypt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel has better relations with Jordan than with Egypt, even though Israel has a peace treaty with Egypt, former chief of staff Rafael Eitan said at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club on Friday.

"The leader of the Tzomet Movement, which is running with Teliya in the coming elections, said Egypt

ian President Hosni Mubarak does not have the same commitment to the Camp David accords as his predecessor Anwar Sadat, and is more interested in maintaining the present cold peace."

Israel's economic problems, which he described as "mainly psychological," stem in part from the return of Sinai with its oil fields to the Egyptians, he said.

Druse leader asks for soldier's release

By YOEL DAR

Special to The Jerusalem Post

BEIT JANN. — Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif on Friday appealed to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine to release Israeli Druse soldier Samir Assad as a gesture of goodwill.

Meanwhile, the front's Nicosia office announced that it is ready to work out a prisoner exchange through the offices of the leftist Druse organization Al-Mubadra. Jamal Mu'adi, al-Mubadra's chairman, said in an interview published by the *Rakah* daily in *Al-Itihad* that he is ready to negotiate a deal if the government allows him to

Assad's father, Mohammed, said on Wednesday he would hold the largest party ever seen in the Druse community in the Galilee when his son comes home.

Researcher gets grant to study tissue growth

Hebrew University researcher Shimon Rothshenker has been awarded a grant of \$40,000 by the American Society for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis to investigate compensatory mechanisms in the body after injuries.

In previous studies Rothshenker has found that when the nervous system has sustained damage on one side of the body there is not only a growth of tissues that compensate at the site of the injury, but for an as-yet-unknown reason on the opposite side of the body as well.

The function of this growth will be studied, as well as ways of encouraging the development of compensatory mechanisms that take over control of damaged areas.

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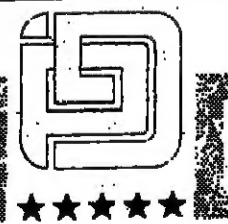
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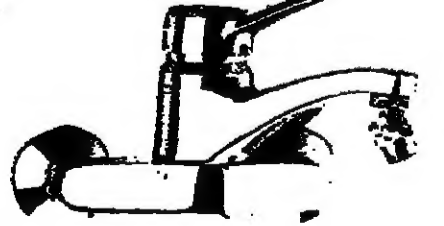
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Deputy A-G:

'Shapira's wife used credit card legally'

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

MK Avraham Shapira's wife did not exceed the limit for purchases abroad, deputy attorney general Yoram Bar-Sela said on Friday. He informed the Bank of Israel that there was no cause to prosecute as the law had not been broken.

The case of Shapira's wife was transferred to Bar-Sela by Foreign Exchange Controller Yosef Sarig, after reports that some \$25,500 were charged during the last months of 1983 to an international credit card held by Mrs. Shapira.

According to regulations in effect at that time, Israelis could use their credit cards abroad to buy goods

and services up to \$3,000 per person per trip.

Since Shapira is chairman of the central bank's Advisory Committee, Sarig decided to transfer the case to an independent body for examination. This was carried out by Bar-Sela.

The deputy attorney-general informed Sarig that after examining the facts he had concluded that there was no cause for taking any steps against Shapira's wife. It was learned that the purchases reported were made during several trips abroad, when Mrs. Shapira was accompanied by several members of her family. In this case the limit of \$3,000 per person in a single trip was adhered to.

Moda'i: Liberals must cease fighting

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Energy Minister Yizhak Moda'i, who hopes to get the number-one spot on the Liberal Party list in the Likud slate, believes the Liberals have lost key government positions because of in-fighting but that these positions can be regained if a clear hierarchy is established in the party.

speaking on Kol Yisrael on Friday night, Moda'i said he has exercised restraint in the past but now believes that restraint may not be the right approach.

He pointed out that while Simha Ehrlich was alive, the Liberals had a deputy prime ministership and (previously) the finance portfolio. Moda'i believes one or both of those positions will revert to the Liberals if the Likud forms the next government. But he said no agreements are being hammered out with

Herut yet because it would be unfair and improper to "negotiate on something which doesn't yet exist" before the elections.

Asked to comment on a newspaper interview in which Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor announced that he sees himself as a candidate for the leadership of the Liberal Party, Moda'i says anyone who wants to run is welcome.

He said he hopes internal issues will be settled quickly so that attention can be turned to the real struggle against the Alignment. The main election issue, as Moda'i sees it, will be Judea and Samaria. "I'm not talking about whether Hussein will come or not; that's secondary. As far as I'm concerned, Judea, Samaria and Gaza serve the same function now as the Negev and Galilee did before the state was established."

Ministers to sweep up in cleanup campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

After this morning's cabinet session, ministers will exchange their portfolios for brooms to clean their offices as part of Operation Clean Sweep, the national cleanup campaign.

A spokesman for Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron, who is in charge of the campaign, said it is anticipated that all ministers will participate.

Israel, Norway sign economic-trade accord

Norway and Israel signed an economic-trade accord on Friday following talks between delegations of the two countries in Jerusalem.

The agreement, signed by the Norwegian minister of trade and navigation, and by Trade Minister Gideon Patt, calls for greater economic cooperation and more trade between the two countries.

Israel exports to Norway about \$17 million worth of goods annually, and imports about \$20 million. (Itim)

ARAB LABOUR. — Last month 53,892 workers from the administered territories were registered for work in Israel — 19,837 in industry, 14,871 in construction, 12,946 in services and 6,238 in agriculture.

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Three spots slated for Arabs on Alignment list

Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres has said that the Alignment plans to include three Arabs on the list for the 11th Knesset elections. Peres made the statement in an interview on Israel's Arabic television.

Meanwhile, members of Rakah have expressed dissatisfaction with the party's decision to give Charlie Biton top slot on its list. They contend that in the last Knesset election Biton attracted few votes.

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Cameroon says it's crushed revolt by president's guards

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP). — Cameroon's Foreign Minister Felix Tanyi M'bog said last night that government forces had crushed a rebellion of Presidential Palace guards, while Western diplomats said sporadic gunfire was reported in the nation's capital, Yaounde.

"The attempted coup d'etat in Cameroon has been subdued since Friday night," M'bog said in Paris. "The government is in complete control of the situation throughout the country and the attempt never spread farther than Yaounde."

Later yesterday, Cameroon radio said the forces loyal to Biya have won a complete victory.

Western diplomatic sources in Paris and Africa, however, reported there had been a second day of

fighting in Yaounde yesterday between government forces loyal to President Paul Biya and a small band of dissident guards.

M'bog arrived in Paris on Friday night from Morocco, where he was making a visit when the trouble broke out in Cameroon.

The foreign minister said the attempted coup had been staged by "regionalists and separatists" in the Presidential Palace guard. Some of the rebels had been arrested and others were fleeing Yaounde.

M'bog made his comments to a group of journalists outside the Cameroon Embassy in Paris. He said government troops were in control of the presidential palace, the national radio station and the airport.

State-church truce called in Polish 'War of Crosses'

GARWOLIN, Poland (AP). — Communist authorities and Roman Catholic clergymen announced a truce Friday in the "War of the Crosses."

Informed Roman Catholic sources reported that the government has suspended work on a bill defining the legal status of the church in Poland.

Poland's 80 bishops, with Vatican backing, have set the law as a condition for resuming diplomatic ties between Warsaw and the Holy See. Diplomatic relations lapsed at the outset of World War II.

The truce in the month-old "War of the Crosses" removes the most immediate source of church-state friction, although it is not clear how it will affect the crucifixes which

hang in nearly all of Communist Poland's government-owned schools, hospitals and factories.

The protest erupted at the Stanislaw Staszic agriculture school, 66 kilometers south of Warsaw, after principal Ryszard Domanski, a staunch Communist, ordered crucifixes removed from the school's seven lecture halls. The authorities ordered the school closed until students signed a declaration agreeing to the removal of the crucifixes.

Church and government officials said the school's 600 students could return to class tomorrow, and that crucifixes would be allowed in the reading room and dormitories but not in seven lecture halls where they hung until last month.

Two Vietnamese hills seized Hanoi says Chinese cross border

PEKING (Reuters). — The Vietnamese Embassy in Peking said last night that Vietnamese troops were still battling a Chinese invading force more than 24 hours after they crossed the border in a two-pronged attack.

A spokesman in the defence attaché's office said the Chinese intruding Chinese troops burst across the frontier some 5 km west of Pingxiang, close to the "friendship pass" and about 150 km northeast of Hanoi.

China has so far announced only that it has shelled Vietnamese border positions for the past five days in retaliation for what it calls repeated armed provocations.

Foreign military sources had said the shelling seemed to be aimed

mainly at diverting Hanoi's attention from its military problems in Kampuchea, where its armies are locked in a tough struggle with nationalist guerrillas — and most recently with Thai forces along the Kampuchean border.

In early 1979 China launched what it called a counter-attack into Vietnam after Hanoi troops entered Kampuchea to overthrow the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge government.

Last April, while Vietnamese troops were pressing anti-Vietnamese guerrillas in western Kampuchea, Chinese artillery pounded border positions across their own tense frontier.

9 French soldiers die in Chad mishap

PARIS (AP). — Nine French soldiers were killed and six others injured yesterday when they apparently stepped on a land mine during a reconnaissance mission in eastern Chad, the French Defence Ministry said.

A ministry communiqué said the accident occurred in Oum Chalouba, about 450 kilometres northeast of the capital of N'Djamena.

French Defence Minister Charles Hernu "deplored the tragic accident," the communiqué said. It gave no further information.

ARTY TAX. — The British government has accepted 17 paintings by the late Sir Winston Churchill in lieu of capital transfer tax on his estate, it was announced yesterday.

Rising Sikh violence cuts Gandhi's foreign itinerary

NEW DELHI. — Police in New Delhi yesterday tightened security for members of parliament from India's troubled Punjab state as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi left on a foreign tour shortened because of rising Sikh extremist violence.

Intelligence sources said police had stepped up patrols at the homes of at least 15 MPs in the capital after receiving reports that Sikh extremists intended to attack them.

A Sikh extremist group calling itself the Dashmesh Regiment has said it was responsible for killing two Hindu politicians, including an MP from Gandhi's Congress Party, last week in Punjab.

Gandhi, who left yesterday morning on a visit to Libya and Tunisia, said on Friday that she was dropping Egypt and Algeria from her itinerary because of the worsening crisis in Punjab, a rich farming state bordering Pakistan, which has claimed 120 lives this year.

In Amritsar the authorities, bow-

ing to threats of violence by Sikh extremists, yesterday postponed examinations indefinitely in a major Punjab university.

The decision was announced one day after Sikh terrorist youths burned offices of two colleges to protest the holding of examinations today in the Punjab University, located in Patiala city, south-west of Amritsar.

A Sikh extremist leader, 38-year-old Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, had threatened to disrupt examinations there unless the government lifts a ban against a Sikh radical student union, the All-India Sikh Students Federation. It was outlawed last month after intelligence reports said it was recruiting a 150,000-man guerrilla army and had prepared an assassination list.

So far, at least two government-run universities in Punjab have postponed examinations because of threats of violence, attacks on officials, burnings, and theft of exam papers. (Reuters, AP)

Turkey to try hijacker of Saudi jet

ISTANBUL (AP). — The lone hijacker who on Thursday diverted a Saudi Airlines jetliner to Istanbul will be tried in Turkey and an investigation is underway to determine if he was connected with a terrorist organization, authorities here said on Friday.

The hijacker was overpowered by the plane's crew members and not stormed by Turkish troops, as reported earlier. He was later arrested by Turkish security forces.

The hijacker was identified as Syrian national Hidir Ahmet Mahresh, 27.

The jet was diverted while on a flight to Damascus from Jeddah, with 14 crew members and 287 passengers aboard.

Mahresh told the authorities that he had been expelled from Saudi Arabia and that he attempted to force the plane to fly to Stockholm because he did not want to return to Syria.

When the pilot objected, saying he did not have enough fuel for a flight to Stockholm, the plane landed in Istanbul for refuelling, the authorities said.

Soviets score western flights in Arctic

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet Fighter pilots yesterday complained of frequent spy flights by western planes in the Arctic and warned that if any intrude into Soviet airspace they will be destroyed.

Fliers at an unidentified northern airbase told the newspaper *Trud* that Nato jets, reconnaissance planes and even helicopters repeatedly patrol on the very edge

of the Soviet air frontier along the Russian Arctic coast.

An air defence general drew a direct parallel with the shooting down of a South Korean airliner in the Soviet Far East last September in which all 269 people on board were killed.

The general said the jumbo jet had been sent on a spying mission,

U.S. frowns on initiative France offers to help clear mines from Nicaragua ports

MANAGUA (AP). — The French Foreign Ministry said in a note published here Friday that its offer to help clear mines from Nicaraguan harbours is aimed at removing obstacles to "European cargoes of humanitarian aid."

The U.S. contends that such an action by France could help the leftist Sandinista regime "export revolution" to other Central American countries.

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson's proposal to help remove the mines, purportedly planted by U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, was made in a letter disclosed Thursday by the Sandinistas.

The American CBS television network reported Friday night that a U.S. government source in Washington said the Central Intelligence Agency was actively

directing the mining of Nicaraguan ports.

Officially, the U.S. State Department has said it does not know who is responsible for the mining operation.

Cheysson's letter, published in *Barricada*, the newspaper of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front, was sent to Colombian President Belisario Betancur, whose government is one of four participating in the Contadora peace mediation effort in Central America.

The letter said the mines pose "serious problems of political ethics" because they are directed at a small country not at war.

The mines have damaged at least seven ships in the past few weeks, including a Soviet oil tanker and a Japanese freighter, injuring 15 crewmen.

Bulgaria, Italy exchange envoys again

ROME (AP). — The new Bulgarian ambassador to Italy, Raico Marinov Nicolov, arrived in Rome on Friday, 15 months after his predecessor was recalled during an uproar over the so-called Bulgarian connection to the shooting of the Pope.

Foreign Ministry officials said that they also have named a new ambassador to Bulgaria, career diplomat Giovanni Battistini, and said he will leave for his post tomorrow.

Nicolov replaces Venelin Kozhev,

who was recalled to Sofia on December 9, 1982, for what the Bulgarian government said were "normal consultations." Two days later, Italy recalled its ambassador to Bulgaria. The embassies in Rome and Bulgaria were run by charges d'affaires since then.

The recalls occurred at the height of tensions between Italy and Bulgaria over accusations that Bulgarian agents were linked to the May 13, 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square.

Vatican nuns kept out of sight for swami

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Nuns at the Vatican kept out of sight yesterday as an ultra-celibate Hindu who says he has not looked at women intentionally in 44 years met Pope John Paul.

The pope met the religious man, known as "His Divine Holiness Shree Pramukh Swami," and about 20 of his monks and followers briefly in a back room in the Vatican's Paul VI auditorium complex.

Vatican officials saw to it that no women were allowed in the area.

The swami leads the Swaminarayan Hindu Mission that claims 35 million followers worldwide.

The 63-year-old swami said that he took a vow of absolute celibacy in India when he was 17 and had not looked at a woman intentionally since.

The swami and his closest disciples travel in curtained-off sections of planes to avoid contact with women. If they accidentally see a woman while travelling they fast for 24 hours, followers said.

E. Germans say Prague squatters can emigrate

PRAGUE (AP). — Thirty-five asylum-seeking East Germans on Friday left the West German embassy and were on the way home, assured by their government they could emigrate, an embassy official said.

But East Germany also served notice it would not allow any more of its citizens seeking shelter in western countries to leave for the West, according to the official, who spoke privately.

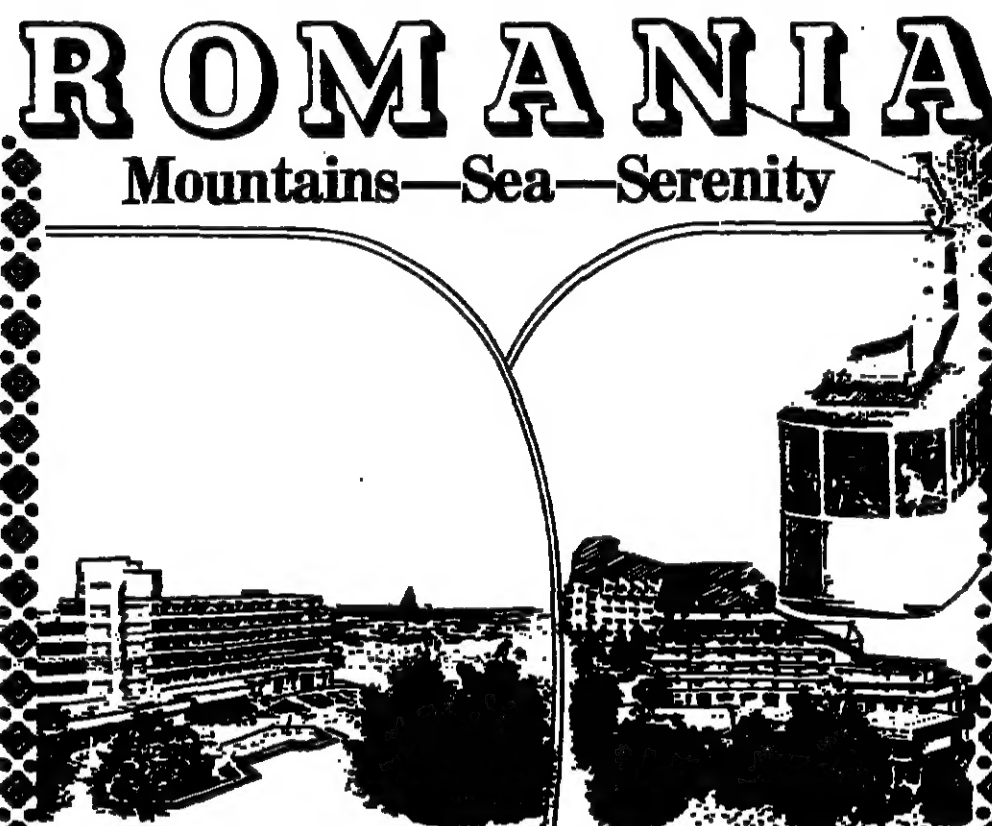
In recent months, other East Germans had also secured guarantees of emigration from their government after entering western missions.

Some members of the group that left on Friday had been in the embassy for more than six weeks.

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cerpts from Carmen (Victoria de Los

Angeles, Nicolai Gedda, Thomas

Beckham); Schumann: 3 Romances, Op.

94; Faure: Ballade, Op. 19; Lalo:

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9.30 France: Sonata in A major (Misha

Maikay, Martha Argerich); Schubert:

Fantasy in F minor, Op. 103, (for piano 4-

hands); Mozart: Piano Concerto in B-flat

major, K.450 (Alfred Brendel, Martiner);

Handel: Violin Sonata in D major (Iona

Brown); Krumpholtz: Oboe Quartet;

Monteverdi: 3 Madrigals; Bizet: Symphony

in C major

12.00 Etti Kahn, soprano; Ruth Menze,

piano — Mozart: 3 Songs; Zvi Avni: 3

Songs; Allan Starfield, piano —

Stravinsky: Serenade in A; Barber:

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13.05 Geminiani: Concerto Grosso (Iona

Brown); Debussy: L'après-midi d'un

fauve (Detrolli, Paul Paray); Arizaga:

Overture; Bach: Toccata in G minor

(Glen Gould); Schumann: Konzertstück

for 4 Horns and Orchestra; Davis: Ole

Blues; Gounod: Little Symphony; Casals:

Sardana; Yehoshua Lakner: Toccata for

Orchestra (ISO, Rodani); Berio: Le cor-

saire, overture

15.00 Prayer of the Rest Hour during the

Spring Fast of the Armenian Orthodox

Church

15.30 Youth Programme — The World of

Peer Gynt

16.30 Bach: Cantata No. 12 (Leonard);
Haydn: Harmony Mass; Purcell: Te
Deum
18.00 Alexander Uriah Bosovich
(Hirshberg and Shmueli)
19.05 Beethoven: Sonata, Op. 17 for Horn
and Piano (Baumann); Mozart: Concerto
for 3 Pianos, K.242 (Menuhin); Frank:
Symphony (Paris, Baranboim)
20.30 Arieh Vardi, piano — Mozart:
Adagio, K. 540; Beethoven: Sonata, Op.
31, No. 2; Zvi Avni: At the End of Time;
Chopin: 2 Polonaises; Chopin: Ballade
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Protective laws keep women from night work in fields like computers — "where employers find it easier to hire men."

Barely managing

So-called protective laws, lower social status, a dearth of role models — these are just a few of the obstacles preventing women from climbing up the managerial ladder, according to a recent conference. Lea Levavi reports.

"SINCE you're a woman, why don't you take the minutes?" one of the male professors suggested to the chairwoman — the only woman present (except for guest Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron — of the university faculty meeting). "She said she would not have minded being asked to take minutes as the most intelligent person present," Doron related during a recent conference, sponsored by Na'amat, and the Israel Management Centre, on women in management, "but she was insulted at the stereotype that taking minutes is a woman's job." Fortunately, one of the men in the room got the message and offered to take the minutes.

"During her speech, Doron used the story as an illustration of some of the obstacles which women face while moving up the management ladder. There are, stressed the minister, many other obstacles as well."

"Laws designed to protect us tend to close doors. One woman who has reached a top management position told me privately that she prefers to hire men because women who are mothers work shorter hours, go off on maternity leave, etc."

"Laws which 'protect' women from night work 'protect' them out of fields like computers, where employers find it easier to hire men and avoid the red tape of getting special permission to employ women at night."

Added Doron, "It is interesting that in jobs where it is in men's interests to have women working nights — such as in the case of nurses — the law does not apply. Suddenly they stop talking about the danger of night travel for women or the negative consequences for family life."

"We don't need guardians: We are grown-up people and can decide for ourselves whether we want to work nights."

Still another obstacle for women working their way up is that women themselves do not always reach out for opportunities. According to Doron, women don't have "strong elbows."

"Why are there so many women teachers but so few women principals and inspectors?" she asked, adding that she is concerned about data which show that, though women enter the universities with higher grades than men, the men students tend to do better than women toward the end of their studies.

Doron believes this is because many women students marry and begin raising families, which leaves them less time for their studies. Greater equality in sharing household and child-rearing tasks, she suggested, is the solution here.

"Women themselves make the mistake of using that awful phrase 'second breadwinner,'" said Doron. "It is not only an insult to women but it also gives employers an excuse for paying women less, and for giving them less opportunities for advancement."

Someone asked the minister why she had volunteered to be "the national broom" and deal with problems of "cleaning up" the country. Doesn't that reinforce the female stereotype, the questioner wanted to know.

Doron got a laugh and applause from the audience when she suggested that the clean-up job be given to another minister without portfolio — Ariel Sharon. "You don't clean a country with a broom," she replied. "Heavy mechanical equipment is more to the point."

Following Doron's remarks, three university lecturers then gave brief talks which served as the background for later work in discussion groups. Dr. Dafna Yizraeli from Tel Aviv University's labour studies department, discussed the

kinds of power which managers need — and which do not characterize women.

Women lack "status power" because the status of males is higher in our society than the status of females, according to Yizraeli. Women lack "expert power" because too few of them gravitate toward fields where they can develop necessary expertise — such as engineering or business administration — and because men are more likely than women to get on-the-job training.

In addition, said Yizraeli, women lack "social power" because they are not part of the network of contacts open to men and they lack "personal power," (i.e. self-confidence) because of the way they are socialized. Women lack "institutional power" because they have the "power of the weak" — laws which "protect" them because of their status as mothers — as opposed to the "power of the strong" whose personal advancement is protected.

Speaker Dr. Dalys Etzion, of the School of Business Administration at Tel Aviv University, said she has found that, in comparison to men managers, women managers become more "burnt out" in a competitive environment, and are more satisfied when they get positive feedback and emotional support. Men, on the other hand, are motivated by competition.

Women, Etzion explained, do not tend to do long-range career planning, and they function more intuitively; men are more likely to set career goals and to develop strategies for reaching them.

She said she has also found that women seem to have an "either/or" attitude about success-on-the-job versus success-in-the-home — as if they were mutually exclusive and one cannot be successful in both areas simultaneously.

In talking about the "burn out"

phenomenon, Etzion said that unlike acute emotional crises, "burn out" nibbles away at women little by little, without setting off alarms or arousing support mechanisms.

"If a woman suffers acute depression, she knows she needs help and so do those around her. There are also institutional forms of help in addition to the support of friends, family or co-workers," the lecturer said.

"In 'burn out,' on the other hand, the woman (or man for that matter) feels uncomfortable but has no specific reason to prompt her to ask for help. Then one day the cumulative effects reach the point where you have the thought of going to work in the morning and hate your life and don't understand what has happened to you."

Some people are happiest within the framework of a compartmentalized life-style, where work and personal life are kept entirely separate from each other; others prefer their work and personal life to merge into an organic whole, Etzion noted. If you choose an occupation or take a job which demands a life-style different from the one which is most suited to your personality, you are headed for "burn out," she stressed. Unfortunately, this is not one of the things people take into consideration in choosing careers or jobs.

Another school of business administration lecturer, Dr. Asia Pazi, spoke about a "vicious cycle" created by the small number of women in top management positions.

"The one woman at the top is isolated and terribly visible, as are the five men in this room now," she said. "There is the danger of being a token woman, representing your sex and knowing there are those who are waiting eagerly for you to make a mistake so they can say, 'I told you a woman couldn't do it.'"

The lack of women at the top limits the opportunities for those on the way up to find "mentors" who can teach them the organizational ropes. Men are more likely to help other men, she said, and if a man becomes a woman's mentor, sexual tensions may arise.

The only way to break this cycle, Pazi suggested, is to intervene from outside — by imposing, for example, affirmative action laws like those in the United States which require companies to employ and promote women on every level. She also advocated changing traditional career paths so that women will not be "dead-ended" after two or three promotions as they often are today, but will have the opportunities to branch out and move up according to their individual abilities and interests, rather than on the basis of tradition and precedent.

One matter of debate among the speakers was how many women there are in management jobs in Israel.

Alex Goren, director of the Israel Management Centre, said in his opening remarks that women comprise only one per cent of the country's managers, though they are 50 per cent of the country's labour force. Yizraeli asked journalists in the room not to write down Goren's figures.

Women are only 40 per cent of the work force — not 50 — and they comprise 10 per cent of the managers, she argued, adding that she thinks women make up even more than 10 per cent. The low figure is due, she said, to the way the Central Bureau of Statistics defines "management" with an emphasis on top jobs in business and industry. If school principals and women in other supervisory positions were included, women would be much more than 10 per cent, she noted.

Etzion suggested a compromise between Goren's statistics and Yizraeli's: In her sample of 500 managers, there were 31 women.

One thing on which all the conference speakers — including moderator Prof. Rivka Bar Yosef of Hebrew University — agreed, was that women in management jobs are better educated than their male counterparts.

"Women have to be better to get as far as men," Bar Yosef said. "Or, to put it another way, equal education does not provide equal opportunity."

no other government had a coalition with Agudat Israel, but only had to contend with the National Religious Party's demand.

The current storm in a teacup concerning the Aguda's demands of police action against doctors for performing illegal abortions or against hospital committees granting legal abortions too easily highlights the powerless situation in which women are in this country.

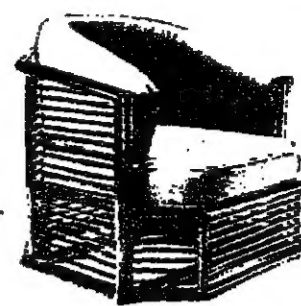
It remains to be seen if the female party workers and volunteers, now gearing up for the coming elections, are going to be content to make coffee, or are going to demand to make policy as well. If yes to the latter, are they going to recognize the need for a Female Bill of Rights, or are women going to continue to be the "daughters of Isaac" — sacrificed at every turn for this or that political advance by this or that party or coalition?

Are we finally going to see some laws with punch, that really guarantee women's equality in all aspects of life, or are we going to continue with the present collection of make-believe legal documents concerning women that are not worth the paper they are written on?

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THE seldom-enforced law that obliges doctors to serve notice of mistreatment — particularly children — got new impetus this week, when the President's Commission on Children's Welfare issued a directive instructing all hospital doctors to immediately report any suspicion of cruelty.

The directive also placed the responsibility for informing the

Battered children

doctors of their duty directly on Prof. Baruch Modan, director-general of the Health Ministry.
Dr. Hanita Zimraf of the

Children's Welfare Association, ELIE, says that hundreds of children in Israel are being battered and otherwise mistreated but in most cases the authorities never hear about it.

The President's Commission report also obliges hospitals to gather and maintain information on cases of battered children.

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About women

Daughters of Isaac

Joanne Yaron

THE sacrifice of women's rights has been a tradition among Israel's political leaders since pre-State days.

At the amount of lip-service paid to the belief in equality was turned into public service for the real betterment of the position of women, our society would have a distinctly different look to it.

Women are and have been the sacrificial lambs — the "Daughters of Isaac" — since the beginning. Even during the ideological days of the pioneer period when universal equality and the belief in socialist principles was touted at every forum, the male pioneers were quick to retreat in the face of religious pressure. Giving in, time and time again, became a matter of habit, an automatic response.

Women's struggle for the right to vote and to be elected was a long, hard and bitter battle, in which the women enjoyed little practical success from their male colleagues.

who swiftly retreated from head-on collisions with the religious parties which sought to reduce women's participation in public life, and the ultra-religious parties, who fought to eliminate it altogether.

Winning the right to vote and to be elected had very little effect on women's political power or influence. A cursory glance at the number of female members in the Knesset over the years indicates a pattern of regression. The first, second and third Knesset had 11 female members; from then on the number slid, dipping to eight in the ninth and, now, a mere nine women in the tenth Knesset.

This unhappy situation — coupled with the fact that the few females who are in the Knesset (with the exception of one or two) do not put the improvement of women's position very high on their agenda — makes the situation all the more untenable.

One of the major encroachments on women's rights in Israel is a woman's inability to legally control her own destiny. In this country,

which claims to be part of the modern world, a woman can be — and indeed, is — forced by law to bear a child against her will.

The fact that a woman must have permission from a committee to end an unwanted pregnancy is bad enough, but it is made all the worse by the existence of so few criteria allowing the committee to grant that permission. With the repeal of the famous "Section Five" of the abortion law in deference to demands by Agudat Israel — the section that permitted poor married women with large families to end an unwanted pregnancy — the open use of women as political pawns became a clear statement.

The protection of women's rights and the betterment of women's position is less important to the general population and its representatives, than is the control over women so strongly desired by the religious parties.

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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW /Pinhas Landau

Sell first — find out why later

TEL AVIV. — "Total slaughter" was the comment most often applied to the action on the share market this past week. The statistical summary certainly bore out this grim assessment, as the General Share Index fell by 8.68 per cent over the week and share prices fell on every day except Tuesday.

The overall figure serves as an indication of the lot of individual investors, which in many cases recorded declines of tens of percentage points in the course of the week. Entire market sectors had 20 per cent or more knocked off their value, with the investment companies "winning" first place with a 26.28 per cent drubbing.

In total contrast, the bond market registered strong rises almost every session. Professional traders detected the strong arm of the Bank of Israel pushing prices higher so as to bring yields down to a level at which the central bank would be able to recommence selling new issues to the general public. The success of this tactic became apparent on Thursday when the bank reported a three-fold over-subscription for its IS500M. issue of "Gilboa" dollar-linked bonds.

What is wrong with the share market? More specifically, what

went wrong with the optimistic forecasts of late March, according to which the high level of liquidity in the system and the unlikelihood of new economic policy moves before the election would make for a rising market, at least during April-May?

There are two ways of answering this kind of question, based on two opposing approaches to the stock market in general. One view sees the market as being influenced primarily by external forces and their influence on how people feel and thus behave. The other approach seeks a rationale for market activity in factors within the market itself, or at least within the general field of economic activity.

If we take the first attitude, call it the psychological approach, then the tremendous price swings and frequent changes of direction that have marked the market for the last three months are readily explainable.

What is happening is simply the overheated reaction of the investing public, not excluding the mutual funds and other institutional investors, to the almost daily changes in the political, and by extension economic, arena. This was particularly pronounced in the days

before and during the Knesset vote on early elections, when each fresh development, each swing in the political pendulum, sent the share market racing up and down in line with the expectations generated by that particular move.

This charged atmosphere is maintained by the generally hectic pace of Israeli life, where each day brings a new story and each story begs an answer to one of the most frequently asked questions in Israel in recent years: How will it affect the bourse?

"We're talking about a population who live their lives with their finger on the trigger. In Lebanon you live by shooting first and asking questions later. Even in Jerusalem you see that people are ready to pull a gun at a moment's notice. On the roads the rule is the same. The whole government operates by first saying things and then working out what they mean. The stock market is part of the same society — the immediate reaction to any piece of news is buy/sell everything in sight and we'll work out why later." This is the judgment of a busy stockbroker, not a professional shrink, but few people connected to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange would deny that there is a large measure of truth in his words.



A Boeing Jumbo 747 in the service of Swissair

Swissair survey shows: Israelis hold 9th place among visitors to Switzerland

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Close to 200,000 Israelis visited Switzerland last year earned their country the ninth place in the number of foreign visitors there, Swissair manager for Israel, Alex Ackermann, told aviation reporters at a reception at his home here.

Ackermann said 188,593 Israelis entered Switzerland in 1983. They stayed an average of two to three days, making for a total of 460,000 hotel nights.

This put Israel right after West

Germany, France, Italy, Britain, Holland, Belgium, Japan and the U.S., in the number of visitors, he said.

This figure is higher than in 1982 — when Israelis stayed 367,000 hotel nights and indications are that the figures are continuing to rise. The number of Israelis who bought ski packages in January 1984 surpassed last year's, Ackermann added.

Swissair benefitted from this boom and 70 per cent of the seats on its flights here were occupied. To break even Swissair required a load factor of only 65.2 per cent, he added.

This traffic between the two countries, and the people who chose to fly Swissair to Israel from other destinations helped his company, Ackermann said. He added that the El Al strike last year alone contributed 10 per cent to Swissair's profits. The company was able to cut its costs drastically because of an 8.5 per cent drop in fuel prices and better utilization of its aircraft, he said.

The reception was held to mark the introduction of a business class into Swissair — a move the airline has resisted.

Ackermann said that the Swissair management had decided against that class in the past believing that its economy class service was as good as other airline's business class. But marked improvements in the service of SAS, Air France and KLM forced it to change its policy. To provide a better service Swissair hired 265 more stewardesses, he added.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

April 6, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	160.30
British sterling	228.11
German mark	60.962
French franc	19.816
Dutch guilder	54.037
Swiss franc	73.532
Swedish krona	20.501
Norwegian krona	21.151
Danish krone	16.607
Finnish mark	28.467
Canadian dollar	125.08
Australian dollar	147.72
South African rand	29.814
Belgian franc (10)	29.814
Austrian schilling (10)	86.637
Italian lire (100)	98.483
Japanese yen (100)	71.039
Irish pound	186.67
Spanish peseta (100)	106.58
Jordanian dinar	432.81
Lebanese lira	28.370
Egyptian pound	137.06

WALL STREET WEEK U.S. economic comeback appears to be losing speed

NEW YORK (AP). — If many Wall Street analysts are right, the U.S. economic recovery of the past year and a half is beginning to slow.

Their suspicions were heightened late last week when the government reported that the unemployment rate, which had been dropping sharply and steadily for some time, levelled off at 7.8 per cent last month.

It is uncertain whether a slowdown in business activity — if it occurs — will prove to be a boon or a bane for the stock market. A moderate slowdown might well be a plus, analysts say, but a sharp dropoff could raise investors' fears about the outlook for corporate profits.

Those concerns were apparent on Wall Street last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 32.67 to 1,132.22, hitting its lowest closing point in a year.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index fell 2.19 to 89.48, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index was down 5.52

at 205.82.

Big Board Volume averaged 90.98 million shares a day, against 80.13 million the week before.

Jack Lavery, chief economist at Merrill Lynch, says the official annual growth rate of the economy in the January-March quarter will probably be somewhat below the government's early estimate of 7.2 per cent.

"A downshift in overall growth is likely in the second quarter based on some apparent slowing in consumer spending, reduced automotive production, and less of a boost from inventory investment," Lavery added.

In the view of the forecasting firm of Data Resources Inc., "the recent rise in interest rates will cut household spending short of a boom."

"Consumer confidence is sagging somewhat, but remains quite strong. Households are not about to put the recovery in a deep freeze, nor are they ready to bring it to a rapid boil."

Big U.S. banks raise prime rate

NEW YORK (AP). — Several major American banks Thursday raised their prime lending rates to 12 per cent from 11.5 per cent, the second increase in the key borrowing rate in three weeks.

The move lifted the banks' prime, or base, lending charge to its highest level since October 1982.

First National Bank of Chicago, the nation's eighth-largest commercial bank, initiated the latest increase. It quickly was followed by second-ranked Citibank and No. 3, Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, and by No. 15, Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh.

The big banks had just raised their prime rates by one-half percentage point, to 11.5 per cent, on March 19.

The latest increase in the prime had been expected by some credit analysts, who noted that other interest rates had recently moved higher. That in turn raised the banks' cost of obtaining funds for lending.

In addition, demand for loans is continuing to grow rapidly as the American economy expands, putting further upward pressure on interest rates.

For example, the Federal Funds Rate, the interest on overnight loans between banks, has climbed to nearly 11 per cent from 9.5 per cent at the start of the year. The prime reached a record high 21.5 per cent in December 1980.

Venezuelans swap 'oil paradise' for austerity

CARACAS (AP). — Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi, warning his 16 million compatriots they must forget "the artificial paradise" created by years of oil earnings, has announced an austerity programme aimed at reactivating the economy.

Venezuela is suffering from a world oil glut and a \$35 billion foreign debt.

The austerity measures reduced the salaries and benefits of some public officials.

Lusinchi also announced the government will make detailed studies towards restructuring, merging and in some cases eliminating money-losing state industries.

He also announced a hiring freeze on the bloated bureaucracy, which employs one out of every 13 Venezuelans.

The public sector has been the motor of the Venezuelan economy, whose state-owned oil industry provides 90 per cent of the country's foreign exchange and 70 per cent of the fiscal revenues.

Among those state industries and agencies in critical condition are the national airline, Aviaca, the Industrial Bank of Venezuela, the State Television network, Social Security and the National Ports Institute.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The image of the commercial banks — which was so dismal less than half a year ago after the crisis of their shares — has gradually been rebuilt. Although there is still criticism, most of it is on a diminishing scale, as resentment dwindles.

The reason for this is simple. Since the crisis the commercial banks have launched a full-scale face-lifting campaign aimed at giving the customer faster and better service.

Each of the five large banking groups has its own "informative newsletter," often published once a week. Clients can take these home and study the advice given — and in the present inflationary times, such advice must be studied. It is not enough to hear a few sentences from a clerk in a bank.

One banker even went so far as to say: "We have stopped giving out advice in a wholesale manner. We simply say that there are many possibilities. Please study them. If you have any questions, ask them. But then make up your own mind." He adds: "Once we thought we knew what's best for the customer; now we believe the customer knows best."

This is probably one of the keys to the development of a new

Realization that 'the customer knows best' Banks labour successfully to refurbish their image

relationship between the banks and their customers. One of the Big Three has even published a list of the 15 best types of investments, with brief explanations of each type, their advantages and disadvantages. A year or so ago, the banks would launch "campaigns" praising the advantages of one type of investment.

The commercial banks have changed their "styles" in regard to competition. Once it was the smallest of the five, First International, which led the others in innovation. As the smallest bank, it was the most flexible and could take decisions quickly, and implement them just as fast. It was followed by the next largest bank, Mizrahi. But the Big Three — Leumi, Hapoalim and Discount — were quite stodgy in their approach.

But no longer. It appears that the Big Three have actually taken the lead away from their two smaller competitors.

Hapoalim has its in-depth advisory service — with the decision being taken by the client. Bank Leumi introduced floating interest

rates. Discount has a "home banking service," allowing customers to perform many transactions over the telephone.

The innovations are too numerous to mention, for each of the five banks comes up with something new almost every week.

The commercial banks admit that inflation helped them in their face-lifting process. First, inflation distracted attention from the "crisis" in the bank shares. Secondly, due to inflation, the customer had to seek ways of preserving the value of his money. The same amount of money which could buy 100 units of an item at the beginning of the month, could only buy 80, 85 or 88 at the end of the month.

Only the banks had the facilities, through their various types of *pakam* (short-term deposit), *param* (foreign currency equivalent) accounts, etc., to offer a fairly high rate of interest. And although the customer still loses some of the value of his money, he does not lose it all — as would have been the case if he did not invest his money in some way.

Each one of the banks offers

slightly different terms than its competitors in all these fields.

Do customers leave one bank for another if they think they can get better terms? Bankers say that this rarely happens. "The relative advantages one bank offers in one area are cancelled out by the disadvantages in another area. So, in the final analysis, everything comes out about equal."

Moreover, when a customer thinks he can get better terms elsewhere, before he even thinks of switching his bank, he begins to ask why his present bank can't meet the other's terms. This brings us around, the banker said.

The banks even weathered quite well the criticism levelled at them when they began to increase the fees for their various transactions. But in this they got considerable help from the government committee, which made an impartial study and found that the old fees were indeed low, generally below actual cost.

Perhaps the best sign that the public has changed its opinion is the "bank shares" which caused the credibility of the banks to sink in the first place. They certainly have not become best-sellers on the stock market, but they are being bought in ever-increasing amounts. And if their yields were once 24 per cent tax-free a year, the yields have dropped to about 14 per cent.

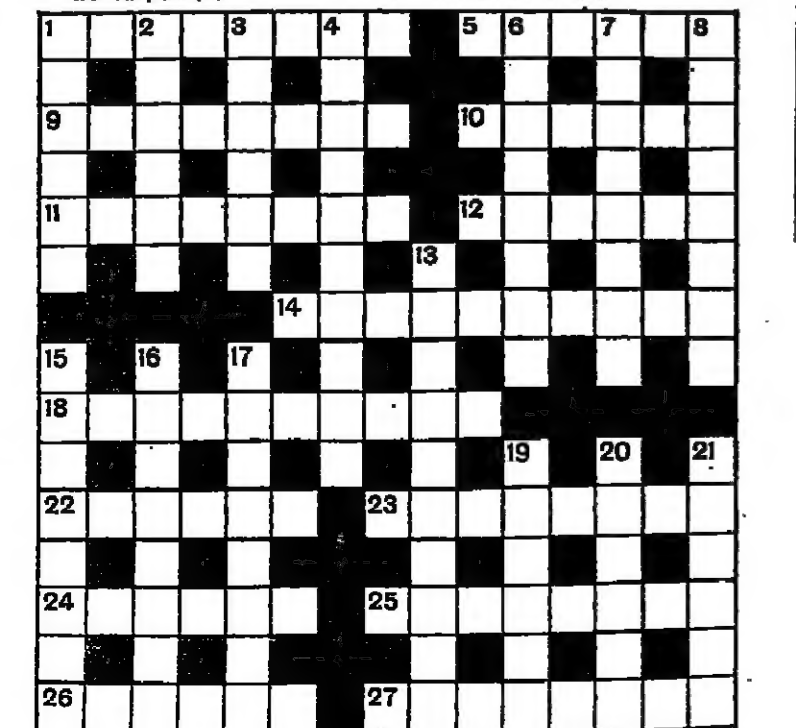


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 - 11 Go off and become a cynic, apparently (4, 4)
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 - 18 Scoundrels creating bad scars when after-dinner sweets are about (10)
 - 22 New sashes for Jenny (3, 3)
 - 23 Take a gamble, as busy cartoonists do? (4, 4)
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Fighting death on the road

ISRAEL'S ROADS this week have again taken a heavy toll in human lives. Death rides the roads week after week in a consistent pattern and the number of casualties as a result of traffic accidents exceeds that of the victims of all the wars Israel has had to fight since its independence.

Last week alone nine people lost their lives on the roads. Five young men were killed on Friday in a head-on collision as their small car veered to the left side of the Dead Sea road and hit a tourist bus which had no way of avoiding the small vehicle. This terrible accident followed the death last Monday of three Border Policemen who were killed on the Gaza-Ashkelon road when the stolen pickup truck they were chasing crashed into another truck. And again on Friday a pedestrian was killed by a car when he was crossing the coastal highway near Hadera in the dark.

The human tragedies caused by road accidents involve many untold stories of life-long suffering of maimed people who have no chance of recovering from their injuries. The mental and material suffering of the relatives of the victims may often spell the ruin of an entire family.

Yet, somehow, one of the nation's top-priority problems is being treated almost like the weather. Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything to change it.

The need to combat death on the nation's highways is certainly an issue over which there is the broadest national consensus and immediate measures can and ought to be taken even during an election campaign. The allocation of funds for an all-out drive against accidents must override all considerations of budget cuts and ought to be dealt with like a top-priority defence or security issue. Moreover, the fight against death on the roads must be carried on consistently, on a day-to-day basis and not just by sporadic campaigns.

As the human factor is the cause of most road accidents, emphasis should be put on deterrent measures. One should therefore welcome the recent announcement of Transport Minister Haim Corfu that the new National Traffic Police unit will become operational this month. According to Mr. Corfu, this unit will comprise in its first stage 132 patrolmen, equipped with 50 cars and 21 motorcycles.

As every driver will admit, the very presence of a police patrolcar on the road serves as an efficient deterrent against speeding and unlawful overtaking of other cars, which are among the main causes of fatal accidents. The number of vehicles at the disposal of these new highway patrols may not be sufficient, but it is certainly a welcome start.

It would have been more encouraging had the Police Inspector-General followed Mr. Corfu's announcement with a statement of some more operational details about the functioning of this new police unit. Mr. Itzhan could thus have proved that the police have other priorities, in addition to fighting leaks. Moreover, Mr. Itzhan was accused three weeks ago by MK Tamar Eshel, chairperson of the Knesset subcommittee on road safety, that he was actually thwarting plans to set up the new traffic police unit. The reason he gave for the delay was that the police needed an additional 185 people on its payroll in order to set up the new unit.

But Mrs. Eshel claimed that it was the reluctance of the police chief to share authority with an autonomous law-enforcing unit which was holding up the much needed move. What has not been spelled out openly is the fact that the current traffic police force is the brainchild of Mr. Itzhan's men in the police hierarchy, Nitzav Zvi Bar, who promoted this idea when he was still commander of the Border Police.

Mr. Corfu says now that the new unit will be answerable to Mr. Itzhan. Be that as it may, the nation just cannot afford to have such a vital project fall victim to the ongoing infighting within the police top command. Should there be a further delay, the cabinet must intervene and simply order the police to set up the national traffic police force forthwith.

IN AN ELECTION broadcast in 1981, I tried to convince the public to vote for the now defunct Telem Party by explaining that, as the elections were anyway going to produce a slender-based coalition, would it not be preferable for that coalition to be influenced by a party like Telem, rather than Tami or Agudat Yisrael's "Council of Sages."

We all know what followed: the public remained unconvinced. Not caring very much about the election platforms of any of the parties, most people chose to cast their vote either against the continued rule of the Likud or against a return to power of Labour. All the other parties (except the Aguda and the Communists) were either decimated or received considerably fewer votes than pre-election polls had prophesied.

Now, two and a half not very happy years later, and with elections once more in the offing, we are told that with many of the people thoroughly disappointed with the performance of the Likud, but also less than enthusiastic about the Labour Alignment, the time is again ripe for a new centre party. This may well be true. Indeed, I am totally convinced that only a centrally orientated, non-dogmatic and pragmatic approach will see us safely through the turbulence facing us in the next few years from most directions.

This is especially true with regard to the paramount problems of the economy and the future of the territories — but it is no less cogent also in relation to other topics, such as aliya, the chasm between religious and non-religious, social disparities, and the question of law and morality.

READERS' LETTERS

RELIGIOUS COERCION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Three hundred American law professors recently signed a statement, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, reaffirming the need for religious freedom and governmental non-interference in religious matters. Their primary reasons were that, historically, immigrants to the United States have come in search of religious liberty, and that religion is too individual and vital a matter to be left to the discretion of the state.

The same argument can, and should, be made about religious liberty in Israel. Zionism began as a movement to create a homeland open to all Jews: one in which they could enjoy religious freedom without fear of religious coercion or persecution.

Mayor Dov Tavori of Petah Tikva is to be congratulated for adhering to this Zionist dream by seeking to permit the opening of coffee houses and theatres on Shabbat. It is ironic that only Israel's Jews who are Orthodox enjoy religious liberty. The majority of Jews suffer the religious coercion inherent in the forced closing of stores, restaurants, theatres, and factories on Sabbath; the lack of public transportation on that day; the lack of civil marriage and divorce, which forces non-Orthodox Jews to go through religious rites in which they do not believe and which many find humiliating; etc.

Mayor Tavori has struck a blow for religious liberty. Many of America's Jews are proud of him. We, like Jews in England and other countries dominated by non-Jews, enjoy freedom from religious coercion. Shouldn't a Jewish state provide at least as much religious liberty for its citizens?

PHILIPPA STRUM,
President American-Israeli
Civil Liberties Coalition
New York.

DEIR YASSIN — AGAIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I have just read Yuval Ne'eman's letter of March 14 claiming that "the evidence" since 1948 "has cast doubt upon" Meir Pa'il's version of Deir Yassin.

All the historical research and studies dealing with the massacre performed by Etzel and Lehi in Deir Yassin on April 9, 1948, confirm totally the findings of my report. The only ones who try, unsuccessfully, to deny the regrettable acts of Deir Yassin are descendants of both Etzel and Lehi, who joined the Herut party, and their political allies like Yuval Ne'eman.

Dr. MEIR PA'IL, Col. (res.)
Tel Aviv.

An eye to the centre

By ZALMAN SHOVAL

On top of all this, in recent years (especially since the Lebanon war), there seems to be among certain strata of our society a growing malaise which has led to extra-parliamentary, sometimes criminal, activities on the fringes of right and left, to expressions of political extremism, and to the politicization of the previously undisputed subject of military service.

Worst of all, there are some among our youth who, ignoring even the most recent history, have apparently become disenchanted with the whole Zionist ideal — either adopting in its place religious fanaticism, or professing a "neutral" stance between Zionism and the Palestinian national movement.

Now just as the Labour Party does not conform with the image of a real leftist grouping — so the Likud is not necessarily rightist in the usual sense of the word. Non-dogmatic Social Democracy and modern Liberalism being today almost identical twins, Labour (but without Mapam), could, in fact, have easily fitted the description of a centre party (as indeed it did under the premiership of Ben-Gurion).

However, in recent years, Labour has, at least in the public eye, perceptibly shifted leftwards — either as a consequence of its alignment itself with leftist Mapam, or as a

result of the anti-Ben-Gurion sentiment which initially (though no longer) characterized the new grouping, or because of the extreme anti-Likud, often super-dovish, views it has sometimes adopted since 1977.

It is therefore, questionable whether Labour could again don the mantle of the centre and aspire to national consensus leadership unless it found a way to break up its "marriage of inconvenience" with Mapam and rid itself of its ultra-dovish fringe.

Strange as it may sound at the present time, the Likud, too, could have become the centre bloc of Israeli politics — and, indeed, it was perceived as such by many of its founders in 1972. As a matter of fact, Begin himself understood at that time that the new political formation's chances of ever gaining power depended on the public's perception of it as a large and pluralistic body — slightly right-of-centre, but certainly not very much so, propounding reduced government interference in the economy, stressing the importance of the rule of law, etc.

In the realm of foreign affairs too, the Likud was not extremist, calling at first only for "preventing Judea, Samaria and Gaza ever coming under Arab sovereignty" (a formula supported at the time also by Moshe Dayan and many other Labour Party members), and never mentioning the imposition of Israeli sovereignty. Even at a later stage, the Likud government's formulations on this matter were flexible enough to leave open all options — including that of a territorial compromise.

The Likud's centrist and moderate approach was clearly visible also with regard to other issues perhaps closer to home. Complete freedom on matters of religion and conscience was granted to Likud MKs; a positive stand was adopted to direct and personal, less political,

mayoral elections; the liberalization of the policy on private broadcasting stations was approved.

The non-centrist characteristics of the Likud became more pronounced after its accession to power in 1977 — and especially in the years 1979-1983.

Perhaps there is now a chance — however slight — for the Likud to resume its original position as the centre bloc in Israeli politics. If there is, the reasons are directly related to events in the last two to three years. In other words, the shock-waves of the disastrous economic situation and the after-effects of the Lebanese war have brought about in the Likud not only a new, more pragmatic (and less charismatic) leadership, but also a growing awareness that in order to survive as a significant political factor, it must change its ways.

THE PRACTICAL conclusion is that the creation of a new centre party would be justified only if the two big existing blocs — the Likud and the Labour Alignment — are ideologically and practically so frozen in their tracks that only a completely new political entity would be able to shift Israel's policy-making process in every area from its conceptual rigidity and lack of imagination to a more pragmatic and rational approach. The quality test for such a new party would have to be not only the views and practical proposals it put before the public but the personal and political credibility of its main figures. Charisma and leadership qualities alone might not be enough.

As to the immediate goals, such a new party should concentrate all its efforts on forcing the two big parties to form a national unity government after the elections, i.e., to make its support for any government coalition conditional on the party winning a majority agreeing to invite the other major party to join it in forming the government.

The rationale of all this is clear and simple. In order to get the economy back on its feet, Israel will in the coming years have to take urgent steps of extreme severity which will affect practically every sector of the population.

Fighting our run-away inflation, changing economic and social realities, and promoting dollar-earning exports will have immediate, often harsh, effects on employment, wages, prices, taxes, savings, investments, standards of living, level of consumption. Is it imaginable that policy decisions of such magnitude could be successfully implemented by a narrow-based government with either the Likud or Labour in the opposition?

THAT, HOWEVER, is only part of the picture. During this period, we shall also face growing pressure with regard to the border question in the east. In fact, we ourselves should strive to arrive at an equitable settlement with Jordan and the Palestinian Arabs in this respect in order to further the prospects of peace. However, the price of peace should not be tantamount to abandoning all our vital security interests or completely sacrificing the inalienable right of the Jews never again to become foreigners in any part of the country.

Of course, we must be ready to compromise. But if our economic situation continues to deteriorate, shall we not be forced to negotiate from a position of weakness — while pressure, both external and internal, is put on the government to accept formulae which, at the end of the day, would leave us without peace and without a territory? Great as the division between the Likud and Labour on those issues often seems, surely neither party would want to risk this.

These, then, are the major issues — and there may be others. Israeli politicians and the public at large will soon have to decide what political configuration will be best able to cope with them.

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POSTSCRIPTS

IF A SEPARATE radio station for classical music has been established to serve one section of the population, why shouldn't there be a station specializing in Oriental music — the music of settlers from the Middle East and North Africa, composer Avihu Medina asked during a meeting of Sephardi students, kibbutzniks and intellectuals of Sephardi origin held recently in Ramat Gan.

The students objected to "their" music being played only on certain radio programmes set aside for that purpose.

Musical was only one example of the cultural and social discrimination the Sephardi students and intellectuals said they feel. "Intellectuals of Oriental origin are a small minority, and our voice is not heard," Professor Avner Seikaly of Tel Aviv University said. "I am on the Board of the Cameri Theatre and I proposed no fewer than a hundred different plays by playwrights of Oriental origin. All were turned down as inappropriate."

The students and kibbutzniks have been meeting for the past year.

A group is being formed that will meet at the Sa'adya Restaurant in Rakon Street in Ramat Gan, near the Diamond Exchange, every Thursday evening. Membership is open to everyone, regardless of origin, interested in Oriental music and culture, and the problems Sephardim face in Israel. L.L.

"WE CAN learn from Tora and Talmud to care for our elderly with affection," said the future king of Britain at a March 6 fundraising dinner of the Jewish Welfare Board in London's ancient Guildhall.

The prince, who brought his own skullcap to wear throughout the JWB's 125th anniversary dinner, was accompanied by Princess Diana.

At the dinner, which raised more than £1,000,000 to help the JWB expand its services, Prince Charles paid tribute to Jews as "great organizers and great doers," and spoke of the "immense number of concerned Jewish volunteers who work tirelessly to help the old." Jewish communities set an example of caring, the prince told the 750 diners.

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